पड़ती है तो उसको रोकने के लिए सरकार की तरफ से अनेकों प्रकार के कदम भी उठाए जाते हैं।

*548. *[The questioner (Dr. (Ms.) P. Selvie Das) was absent. For answer vide page 30 infra.]*

*549. *[The questioner (Shri Kalraj Mishra) was absent. For answer vide page 33 infra.]*

*550. *[The questioner (Shri A. Vijaya Raghavan) was absent. For answer vide page 33 infra.]*

*551. *[The questioner (Shri K.B. Krishna Murthy) was absent. For answer vide page 36 infra.]*

Anti-Snake Venom

*552. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Anti-snake venom preparation in the country;

(b) if so, what measures are being taken to ameliorate this problem;

(c) whether some regulatory measures by way of control and supervision of experiments on animals are responsible for stoppage of production of Anti-Snake venom; and

(d) if so, how Government are planning to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) No Shortage of Anti Snake Venom Serum (ASVS) has been reported by any State Government.

(c) and (d) The Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) has drafted a Scientific Protocol for production of sera/anti-toxins from equines. Based on this Scientific protocol, CPCSEA conducted inspections of various institutions involved in production of sera/anti-toxins. On the direction of the CPCSEA, the production of ASVS

has been stopped at Central Research Institute, Kasauli. Production of ASVS is continuing at other established facilities.

SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Sir, in this country, lakhs of people are suffering from snakebites. Nearly 30,000-35,000 people die because of this every year. After the intervention of the organization, that you have mentioned, the cost of production of anti-snake venom serum is going up. Now, the anti-snake venom serum costs Rs. 300/-. Once, the stringent measures and the specifications, as suggested by this organization, are introduced for the production of anti-snake venom serum, the cost of production would go up to Rs. 20,000/-. Some of the companies, including the Bengal Chemicals, a public sector company in Kolkata, have stopped the production of anti-snake venom serum. There is an acute shortage of anti-snake venom serum in the country. How are you going to take care of this?

श्री सुखदेव सिंह ढिंडसा: चेयरमैन साहब, मैंने अपने जवाब में कहा है कि हमारे पास शार्टेज के लिए किसी स्टेट ने नहीं कहा है। लेकिन जहां तक उसके स्टैंडर्ड का सवाल है, वह तो नेचुरल है कि जो एनीमल हसबैंड्री है, जो मेनका गांधी जी के पास हैं, उन्होंने कुछ स्टैंडर्ड फिक्स किए हुए हैं क्योंकि यह बहुत जरूरी दवा है। इसके लिए उन्हें वे लागू करने ही होंगे अगर यह पैदा करनी है। इसमें नेचुरली कीमत तो थोड़ा बहुत बढ़ेगी लेकित दवाई तो उसके साथ बनेगी।

श्री मनोज भट्टाचार्य: आनरेबुल मिनिस्टर साहब कह रहे हैं कि उसमें दवा का दाम तो कुछ बढ़ेगा लेकिन दवा मिलेगी। अभी दवा नहीं मिल रही है और बाद में जब मिलेगी तो कीमत इतनी ज्यादा होगी।

श्री सुखदेव सिंह ढिंडसा: आप बताइए कहां है। जहां शार्टेज है हम भेजते हैं।

श्री मनोज भट्टाचार्य: मंत्री जी जरा सुनने की कोशिश कीजिए। जो दवा का दाम अभी है उस पर वह सारे गांवों में उपलब्ध नहीं होती है क्योंकि दवा का दाम भी एक सवाल हो जाता है। सरकार क्या इसके बारे में कुछ सोचेगी? यह दवा गांव-गांव में भेजने का प्रयत्न तो कम से कम किसी डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन सिस्टम के जरिए करना चाहिए क्योंकि इम्पोर्ट करने से नहीं चलेगा। आज जो स्थिति है उसमें यह जो एन्जाइम एण्ड प्रोटीन का रिएक्शन स्नेक बाइट का है उसमें इम्पोर्ट वाले से नहीं चलेगा, यह आप लोगों को सोचना है। ऐसी न्यूज है कि it is to be imported. लेकित हमारे यहां जो स्नेक बाइट होता है और उनका जो क्वालिटी आफ एन्जाइम एण्ड प्रोटीन है, वह उसके साथ नहीं मिलेगा। तो इसके बारे में आप जरा बताएं।

श्री सुखदेव सिंह ढिंडसा: हमारे पास कोई शिकायत ही नहीं है कि कहीं उसकी कमी है। अगर कहीं आपको मालूम है तो बता दीजिए हम दवाई भेज देंगे। हमने पूछा था लेकिन किसी भी स्टेट से हमारे पास डिमांड नहीं आई। जब पूछा तो उन्होंने कहा जितनी है उनके लिए बहुत है उनके पास। अगर कहीं है तो मुझे सूचना भेज दें मैं पूरी कर दूंगा।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Payment of Arrears of retired Teachers in Bareilly

†*541. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers retired from Hafiz Siddique Punjabi Government Higher Secondary School, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh in June 1990, have not been paid their arrears even after a lapse of more than 11 years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when these teachers would be paid their arrears; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the persons responsible for this criminal apathy and delay?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that Hafiz Siddique Punjabi Government Higher Secondary School, Bareilly is a Government aided school. Shri Nityananda Sharma, Asstt. Teacher in the School retired from service on 30.06.1990. The arrear bills for the sum of Rs. 77,324/- were submitted by the School to the district authorities in 1996-97. After removal of discrepancies in pay fixation and completion of papers, the Education Directorate received the bill on 14.03.2000. The payment has since been made. State Government has instituted an inquiry into the reasons of avoidable delay.

Promotion of wrestling and shooting

*544. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.